--1 (Amended) A terminal device for communicating with an accounting center, comprising:

a first memory for storing accounting point information;

a second memory for storing information received from an external source; and

a controller for updating the accounting point information stored in the first memory and updating attributes of the received information when the received information is stored in the second memory,

wherein when the received information is stored into the second memory the controller modifies the accounting point information stored in the first memory and updates the attributes of the received information from an unavailable state to an available state.

--3. (Amended) The terminal device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the controller comprises a first controller and further comprising

a second controller for transmitting at least the accounting point information stored in the first memory to the accounting center and setting the accounting point information stored in the first memory at an initial value based on a status of accounting processing corresponding to the accounting point information,

wherein the accounting processing status is transmitted from the accounting center to the terminal device.

--4. (Amended) The terminal device as claimed in claim 1, wherein when the accounting point information stored in the first memory is insufficient for the received information stored in the second memory, the controller performs control so that the attributes of the received information are held in the unavailable state to a user.

--5. (Amended) The terminal device as claimed in claim 3, wherein when the accounting point information stored in the first memory is insufficient for the received information stored in the second memory, the second controller transmits the accounting point information stored in the first memory to the accounting center and sets the accounting point information stored in the first memory at an initial value based on the status of accounting processing corresponding to the accounting point information.

--6. (Amended) The terminal device as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a communicator for communicating with an external device having a third memory,

wherein the controller receives external device information from the external device connected via the communicator and updates the accounting point information stored in the first memory in accordance with the received external device information and updates the attributes of the received information.